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Complex 17 August 2026
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**Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on Monday, 18 May 2026, in the Harvey Hills/SES Complex, Harper Street, Harvey commencing at 7.30pm.

Committee Membership – Voting

Chairperson	Cr.	John	Bromham
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Brigade Delegates:

Myalup (Chief Bush Fire Control Officer)	Mr.	Wayne	Jackson
Binningup	Mr.	David	Pryce
Cookernup	Mr.	Jayden	Marinelli
Leschenault	Mr.	Jacob	Clark
Harvey Hills/Benger (DCBFCO North)	Mr.	Vaughn	Byrd
Uduc	Mr.	Todd	Verrall
Roelands/Olive Hills/Brunswick (DCBFCO South)	Mr.	Max	Van Weert

Committee Membership – Non-Voting

Acting Manager Waste and Safety Services	Mr.	Harrison	Hansen
Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator	Mrs.	Kaitlin	Southgate
Community Emergency Services Officer	Mr.	Nick	Mellowship
Department Fire & Emergency Services	Mr.	Ricky	Southgate
Department of Biodiversity Conservation & Attractions	Mr.	Darren	Harvey

Observers

Cr. Laurie Morley

1 Official Opening

The Chairperson, Cr. John Bromham, opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

2 Record of Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology: Mr. Haydn Jones, Manager Waste and Safety Services

Apology: Mr. Matthew Anzellino, Yarloop Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

3 Declarations of Members' and Officers' Personal Interest

Cr John Bromham declared an impartiality interest in Item 5.5 – 2026 – 2027 Firebreak Notice and Bush Fire Information. Cr. Bromham owns land greater than 5,000m² which may be affected by the proposed changes.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025, are attached hereto (**Refer to Attachment 4.1.1**).

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mr. Max Van Weert

Seconded: Mr. Jacob Clarke

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025 as printed be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 7-0 26/01

Business Arising from Minutes – 17 November 2025

Item 7.2 – Vehicle and Telephone Reimbursement – Fire Control Officers

Mr. Wayne Jackson raised the matter of reimbursement for Fire Control Officer fuel expenses.

Shire Staff advised that provision for these expenses has been included within the Shire's 2026 – 2027 Budget.

5 Officer's Reports

Item No.:	5.1
Subject:	2026 – 2027 Appointment of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers
Proponent:	Shire of Harvey
Location:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Manager Waste and Safety Services
Authorising Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File No.:	F/10/00019
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

Council is required in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and its Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017 to appoint nominated Fire Control Officers (FCO's).

Background

Local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades were required to submit to this meeting, persons nominated by their brigade for the position of FCO within the various brigade areas.

Brigade/Area	Current FCO's 2025 – 2026
Australind Townsite/Leschenault, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Binningup, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson
Yarloop and Hoffman	Mr. Vaughn Byrd
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall
Brunswick/Roelands/Olive Hills and Brunswick Townsite	Mr. Max Van Weert
Harvey Hills, Bengier and Harvey Townsite	Mr. Vaughn Byrd
Cookernup and Hoffman	Mr. Jayden Marinelli

Statutory/Policy Environment

Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 38 (1) – Power to Appoint Fire Control Officers.

Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017: Clause 3.7 relates to the appointment of these positions.

Comment

Brigade/Area	Nominations 2026 – 2027
Australind Townsite/Leschenault, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Binningup, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson
Yarloop and Hoffman	Mr. Matthew Anzellino
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall
Brunswick/Roelands/Olive Hills and Brunswick Townsite	Mr. Max Van Weert
Harvey Hills, Bengier and Harvey Townsite	Mr. Vaughn Byrd
Cookernup and Hoffman	Mr. Jaydn Marinelli

Nominations should only be accepted if the nominee is suitably qualified and trained to hold that position, as a requirement of Policy 2.3.14 – Bush Fire Personnel (Minimum training Standards).

Any nominees that do not meet these training standards are required to complete the training prior the start of the 2026–2027 Restricted Burning Period, by agreement with the Chief Executive Officer.

Strategic Framework

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031, states:

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| <i>Goal 2:</i> | <i>A safe, accessible and connected community where everyone has then opportunity to contribute and belong.</i> |
| <i>Objective 2.2</i> | <i>Create a community where people are safe.</i> |
| <i>Objective 2.3</i> | <i>Active and resilient community groups and volunteers.</i> |

Community Engagement

Community Participation Goal

Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

Promise to the Community

Inform: We will keep you informed.

Risk Management

The Risk Theme Profile identified as part of this report is **Inadequate Safety and Security Practices** and **Failure to Fulfil Compliance Requirements**. The consequence is assessed as **Health or Compliance** with a rating of **Major** if Council were to accept an untrained or unqualified persons for a responsible Bush Fire Position. The Likelihood of this is **Rare**, resulting in a **Low** risk being present.

Budget Implications

Nil.

Authority/Discretion

Executive: The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g., adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council appoints the following persons as Fire Control Officers for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season:

Brigade/Area	Nomination 2026 – 2027
Australind Townsite/Leschenault, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Binningup, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson
Yarloop and Hoffman	Mr. Matthew Anzellino
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall
Brunswick/Roelands/Olive Hills and Brunswick Townsite	Mr. Max Van Weert
Harvey Hills, Bengier and Harvey Townsite	Mr. Vaughn Byrd
Cookernup and Hoffman	Mr. Jaydn Marinelli

Moved: Mr. Todd Verrall

Seconded: Mr. Jaydn Marinelli

That Council appoints the following persons as Fire Control Officers for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season and that the Hoffman district be removed from the locality listing: -

Brigade/Area	Nomination 2026 – 2027
Australind Townsite/Leschenault, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Binningup, Parkfield and Wellesley	Mr. Jacob Clark
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson
Yarloop	Mr. Matthew Anzellino
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall
Brunswick/Roelands/Olive Hills and Brunswick Townsite	Mr. Max Van Weert
Harvey Hills, Bengier and Harvey Townsite	Mr. Vaughn Byrd
Cookernup	Mr. Jaydn Marinelli

Carried 7-0 26/02

Item No.:	5.2
Subject:	2026 – 2027 Appointment of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Office Bearers
Proponent:	Shire of Harvey
Location:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Manager Waste and Safety Services
Authorising Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File No.:	F/10/00019
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

The Shire has, in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, and with reference to the Bush Fire Brigades' Local Law, appointed a Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers (South and North), Shire Bush Fire Training Coordinator and other Fire Control Officers as deemed necessary.

Background

The following is a schedule of current appointments:

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|--|-------------------|
| • Chief Bush Fire Control Officer | Mr. Wayne Jackson |
| • Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (South) | Mr. Max Van Weert |
| • Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (North) | Mr. Vaughn Byrd |
| • Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator | Mr. Wayne Jackson |

Comment

The nominations for the following positions are:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (South)
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (North)
- Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator

Statutory/Policy Environment

Bush Fire Act 1954; Section 38(1) — Powers to appoint Officers and determine seniority.

Strategic Framework

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031, states:

- Goal 2: A safe, accessible and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and belong.*
- Objective 2.2 Create a community where people are safe.*

Community Engagement

Community Participation Goal

Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

Promise to the Community

Consult: We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. We will seek your feedback on drafts and proposals.

Risk Management

The Risk Theme Profile identified as part of this report is **Inadequate Safety and Security Practices** and **Failure to Fulfil Compliance Requirements**. The consequence is assessed as **Health or Compliance** with a rating of **Major** if Council was to accept an untrained or unqualified persons for a responsible Bush Fire Position or not follow legislative requirements. The Likelihood of this is **Rare**, resulting in a **Low** risk being present.

Budget Implications

Nil.

Authority/Discretion

Executive: The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council appoints the following persons to these positions for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season:

1. Chief Fire Control Officer
2. Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer (South)
3. Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer (North)
4. Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator.

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mr. Max Van Weert nominated Mr. Wayne Jackson for the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Moved: Mr. Max Van Weert Seconded: Mr. David Pryce

That Mr. Wayne Jackson be nominated for the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Carried 7-0 26/03

There being no further nominations, Mr. Wayne Jackson was declared Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

6.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South

Mr. Jacob Clark nominated Mr. Max Van Weert for the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South.

Moved: Mr. Jacob Clark Seconded: Mr. Wayne Jackson

That Mr. Max Van Weert be nominated for the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Carried 7-0 26/03

There being no further nominations, Mr. Max Van Weert was declared Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

6.3 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North

Mr. Max Van Weert nominated Mr. Vaughn Byrd for the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North.

Moved: Mr. Max Van Weert Seconded: Mr. Todd Verrall

That Mr. Vaughn Byrd be nominated for the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Carried 7-0 26/04

There being no further nominations, Mr. Vaughn Byrd was declared Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

6.4 Shire Training Coordinator

Mr. Wayne Jackson nominated Mr. Travis Holt for the position of Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator.

Moved: Mr. Wayne Jackson Seconded: Mr. Max Van Weert

That Mr. Travis Holt be nominated for the position of Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Carried 7-0 26/05

There being no further nominations Mr. Travis Holt was elected for the position of Shire of Harvey Bush Fire Training Coordinator for the 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Item No.:	5.3
Subject:	2026 – 2027 Appointment of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Delegates to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Proponent:	Shire of Harvey
Location:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Manager Waste and Safety Services
Authorising Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File No.:	F/10/00019
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

Clause 3.10 of the Shire's Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017 requires Brigades to appoint a member to represent Brigades at the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) Meetings. A proxy member should also be appointed should the elected representative be unable to attend the meetings.

Background

The appointed Brigade representative is the member who has a vote at the BFAC Meetings.

The Brigade representative to the BFAC will be the Fire Control Officer (FCO) for that Brigade. If a Brigade is unable to nominate a FCO and one is appointed by the Shire from the existing FCO's, then by default the Brigade representative to the BFAC will be the Captain or the next highest ranked Officer.

The Brigade proxy to the BFAC is the Captain for each Brigade or next highest ranked Officer.

Brigades are requested to elect the representatives at their Annual General Meetings and advise the Shire prior to the next BFAC Meeting to be held Monday 18 May 2026.

Comment

The current representatives and proxies for each Brigade are listed hereunder: -

Brigade	Representative	Proxy
Binningup	Mr. David Pryce	Mr. Dario Nandapi
Brunswick Olive Hills/Roelands	Mr. Max Van Weert	Mr. Luke Wright
Cookernup	Mr. Jayden Marinelli	Mr. Kerry Argent
Harvey Hills/Benger	Mr. Vaughn Byrd	Mr. Steve Watt
Leschenault	Mr. Jacob Clark	Mr. Michael Papalia
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson	Mr. Paul Reynolds
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall	Mr. Andrew Mapstone
Yarloop	Mr. Matthew Anzellino	Mr. Roger Harrison

Statutory/Policy Environment

The Shire of Harvey's Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2017; Clauses 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12 relate to Brigade delegate appointments to the BFAC.

Strategic Framework2

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031, states:

- Goal 2: A safe, accessible and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and belong.*
- Objective 2.2 Create a community where people are safe.*
- Objective 2.3 Active and resilient community groups and volunteers.*

Community Engagement

Community Participation Goal

Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

Promise to the Community

Inform: We will keep you informed.

Risk Management

The Risk Theme Profile identified as part of this report is **Inadequate Safety and Security Practices** and **Failure to Fulfil Compliance Requirements**. The consequence is assessed as **Health** or **Compliance** with a rating of **Major** if Council were to accept an untrained or unqualified persons for a responsible Bush Fire Position. The Likelihood of this is **Rare**, resulting in a **Low** risk being present.

Budget Implications

Nil.

Authority/Discretion

Executive: The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council appoints the following persons as Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting representatives for the Shire of Harvey 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Brigade	Representative	Proxy
Binningup	Mr. David Pryce	Mr. Dario Nandapi
Brunswick/Olive Hills Roelands	Mr. Max Van Weert	Mr. Luke Wright
Cookernup	Mr. Jaydn Marinelli	Mr. Kerry Argent
Harvey Hills/Benger	Mr. Vaughn Byrd	Mr. Steve Watt
Leschenault	Mr. Jacob Clark	Mr. Michael Papalia

Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson	Mr. Paul Reynolds
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall	Mr. Andrew Mapstone
Yarloop	Mr. Matthew Anzellino	Mr. Roger Harrison

Moved: Mr. Wayne Jackson**Seconded: Mr. Vaughn Byrd**

That Council appoints the following persons as Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting representatives for the Shire of Harvey 2026 – 2027 bush fire season.

Brigade	Representative	Proxy
Binningup	Mr. David Pryce	Mr. Dario Nandapi
Brunswick/Olive Hills Roelands	Mr. Max Van Weert	Mr. Luke Wright
Cookernup	Mr. Jaydn Marinelli	Mr. Kerry Argent
Harvey Hills/Benger	Mr. Vaughn Byrd	Mr. Steve Watt
Leschenault	Mr. Jacob Clark	Mr. Michael Papalia
Myalup	Mr. Wayne Jackson	Mr. Paul Reynolds
Uduc	Mr. Todd Verrall	Mr. Andrew Mapstone
Yarloop	Mr. Matthew Anzellino	Mr. Roger Harrison

Carried 7-0 26/06

Item No.:	5.4
Subject:	Provision of General Brigade Information 2026 – 2027
Proponent:	Shire of Harvey
Location:	
Reporting Officer:	Manager Waste and Safety Services
Authorising Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File No.:	F/10/00019
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

Brigades are required forward a copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bush Fire Brigade to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer within one month after the meeting.

Background

Brigades are required in accordance with the Shire of Harvey's *Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017* to provide copies of the following:

- Annual General Meeting Minutes
- Financial Statements
- Equipment Schedule.

These Minutes are to be tabled at the next Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting or Local government, if there is no Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

Comment

Brigades are again requested to supply this information prior to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 18 May 2026.

Statutory/Policy Environment

Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017, Clauses 3.7, 3.9 and 6.3 details the information to be provided on an annual basis

Strategic Framework

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031, states:

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| <i>Goal 2:</i> | <i>A safe, accessible and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and belong.</i> |
| <i>Objective 2.1</i> | <i>To support people through all stages of life.</i> |
| <i>Objective 2.2</i> | <i>Create a community where people are safe.</i> |
| <i>Goal 5:</i> | <i>A representative leadership that is future thinking, transparent and accountable.</i> |
| <i>Objective 5.1</i> | <i>Effective communication and engagement with the community.</i> |

Community Engagement

Community Participation Goal

Inform: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.

Promise to the Community

Inform: We will keep you informed.

Risk Management

The Risk Theme Profile identified as part of this report is ***Failure to fulfil Compliance Requirements***. The Consequence is assessed as ***Compliance" (Local Law)*** with a rating of ***Minor***, and a Likelihood of ***Unlikely***, resulting in a ***LOW*** risk being present.

Budget Implications

Nil.

Authority/Discretion

Executive: The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. e.g. adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council receives the General Brigade Information supplied by the Shire's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, as attached (***Confidential Attachment 1***).

Moved: Mr. Max Van Weert Seconded: Mr. Todd Verrall

That Council receives the General Brigade Information supplied by the Shire's Bush Fire Brigades, as attached (*Refer Confidential Attachment 5.4*).

Carried 7-0

26/07

Item No.:	5.5
Subject:	2026 – 2027 Firebreak Notice and Bush Fire Information
Proponent:	Shire of Harvey
Location:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Manager Waste and Safety Services
Authorising Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File No.:	F/10/00019
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

The Shire's Firebreak Notice and Bush Fire Information brochure is to be reviewed annually.

Background

The Shire's Firebreak Notice requires landowners and occupiers to undertake fire prevention works in accordance with the requirements of the Notice to assist in preventing the outbreak, spread, or extension of bush fires.

Previous Firebreak Notices, including the 2025–2026 Shire of Harvey Firebreak Notice, have specified fire prevention requirements based on both land zoning and land size. In recent years, local governments have progressively moved away from referencing land zoning classifications and have instead focused on land size as the primary basis for determining fire prevention requirements.

The Shire of Harvey has recently adopted an updated Local Planning Scheme, which has resulted in changes to a number of zoning classifications, including the change of the "Special Residential" zone. The updated Scheme also renames several zones and reserves to align with the State Planning Framework and improve consistency across planning instruments.

The key changes between the previous and current zoning classifications are summarised below:

Previous Scheme	New Scheme
Residential Development	Urban Development
Special Residential	Residential (with an R-Code)
Special Rural	Rural Residential
General Farming	Rural
Intensive Farming	Priority Agriculture

Special Residential

Properties previously zoned "Special Residential" are now classified as "Residential" under the updated Local Planning Scheme and are subject to the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes).

The R-Codes are a State Planning Policy that establish development standards for residential land, including building setbacks, site coverage, and boundary clearances. Development requirements vary depending on the applicable density coding, which ranges from R2 to R80.

Firebreak Notice requirements vary across local governments, with some continuing to apply traditional land size thresholds, based on half-acre and one-acre lots (2,024m² and 4,048m²), while others have transitioned to land size categories aligned with the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) and metric-based measurements, such as 5,000m².

Comment

In addressing the updated Local Planning Scheme changes and considering the R-Code setbacks, it was considered that the following changes to the 2026–2027 Shire of Harvey Firebreak Notice.

All land greater than 5,000 m²:

- A three (3) metre wide firebreak, with a four (4) metre vertical clearance, shall be constructed and maintained as close as practicable inside the property boundary, but no more than ten (10) metres from the boundary, around the entire perimeter of the property.
- A three (3) metre wide firebreak with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be constructed and maintained immediately surrounding all outbuildings, sheds, haystacks and groups of buildings situated on the land.
- A three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.

All land 5,000 m² or less:

- All flammable matter on the entire property (not including living trees, shrubs, plants and reticulated lawns under cultivation) shall be reduced and maintained to a height of less than five (5) centimetres.
- three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.

Key Changes Between the 2025–2026 and Proposed 2026–2027 Firebreak Notice

The proposed 2026–2027 Shire of Harvey Firebreak Notice introduces a simplified and more consistent approach by removing references to land zoning classifications and instead applying requirements based solely on land size.

Under the 2025–2026 Firebreak Notice, requirements differed depending on zoning categories such as “Residential”, “Special Residential”, and “Rural” land. The proposed 2026–2027 Notice replaces this with two clear land size categories: properties greater than 5,000m² and properties 5,000m² or less.

The key changes are summarised below:

- Removal of references to Residential, Special Residential, and Rural zoning classifications.
- Introduction of a uniform land size threshold of 5,000m².
- Increase in the minimum firebreak width for larger properties from 2 metres to 3 metres.

- Increase in the permitted distance of perimeter firebreaks from property boundaries from 6 metres to 10 metres.
- Introduction of a mandatory three (3) metre wide driveway clearance requirement with 4 metre vertical clearance for all properties.
- Retention of vegetation management requirements for smaller residential style lots, requiring flammable material to be maintained below 5 centimetres in height.

The proposed changes aim to improve consistency, simplify compliance requirements for landowners, and better align the Firebreak Notice with contemporary Local Government practices and the Shire's updated Local Planning Scheme.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders, including the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers. A key issue raised during consultation related to existing properties that may require additional vegetation clearing to accommodate the proposed increase in firebreak width from the historical two (2) metres to three (3) metres, particularly within the Leschenault area. Approximately 240 properties in Leschenault exceed 5,000m² and may be affected by the proposed change in firebreak width requirements.

It should be noted that variations to the Firebreak Notice requirements may be considered where compliance with the prescribed standards is impractical. In such cases, approval may be granted for alternative firebreak alignments or alternative fire hazard reduction measures where these are considered to adequately mitigate bush fire risk.

Given the significance of the proposed changes, a comprehensive public education and communication campaign will be required to ensure landowners are informed of the new requirements and their obligations under the revised Firebreak Notice.

2026–2027 Burning Periods:

- Restricted: 2 November 2026 – 14 December 2026 (midnight)
- Prohibited: 15 December 2026 to 14 March 2027 (midnight)
- Restricted: 15 March 2027 to 15 May 2027 (midnight).

A final draft will be circulated to all brigades before final print.

Statutory/Policy Environment

Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* empowers local governments to require landowners or occupiers to establish and maintain firebreaks and undertake other fire prevention measures on their properties. This provision forms the legal basis for issuing annual Firebreak Notices, which outline the specific requirements to reduce bush fire risks within the Shire.

Strategic Framework

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031, states:

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| <i>Goal 2:</i> | <i>A safe, accessible and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and belong.</i> |
| <i>Objective 2.2</i> | <i>Create a community where people are safe.</i> |

- Objective 2.3 Active and resilient community groups and volunteers.*
- Goal 5: A representative leadership that is future thinking, transparent and accountable.*
- Objective 5.1 Effective communication and engagement with the community.*

Community Engagement

Community Participation Goal

Consult: To provide the public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

Promise to the Community

Consult: We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. We will seek your feedback on drafts and proposals.

Risk Management

The Risk Theme Profile identified as part of this report is **Inadequate Safety and Security Practices** and **Failure to Fulfil Compliance Requirements**. The consequence is assessed as **Health** or **Compliance** with rating of **Major** if Firebreak Notice and Bush Fire Information Brochure was not reviewed and implemented correctly. The Likelihood of this is **Rare**, resulting in a **Low** risk being present. Both risks will be mitigated through reviewing by suitably qualified Officers.

Budget Implications

There will be costs associated with the production of the Firebreak Notice.

Authority/Discretion

Legislative: Includes adopting local laws, town planning schemes and policies. It is also when Council reviews decisions made by Officers.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Firebreak Notice changes proposed for the 2026 – 2027 Notice.

All land greater than 5,000m²:

- A three (3) metre wide firebreak with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be constructed and maintained as close as practicable inside the property boundary, but no more than ten (10) metres from the boundary, around the entire perimeter of the property.
- A three (3) metre wide firebreak with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be constructed and maintained immediately surrounding all outbuildings, sheds, haystacks and groups of buildings situated on the land.

- A three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.

All land 5,000m² or less:

- All flammable matter on the entire property (not including living trees, shrubs, plants and reticulated lawns under cultivation) shall be reduced and maintained to a height of less than five (5) centimetres.
- A three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.

2. Endorses the 2026 – 2027 Burning Periods for the Shire of Harvey:

- Restricted: 2 November 2026 – 14 December 2026 (midnight)
- Prohibited: 15 December 2026 to 14 March 2027 (midnight)
- Restricted: 15 March 2027 to 15 May 2027 (midnight)

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Firebreak Notice changes proposed for the 2026 – 2027 Notice.**

All land greater than 5,000m²:

- **A three (3) metre wide firebreak with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be constructed and maintained as close as practicable inside the property boundary, but no more than ten (10) metres from the boundary, around the entire perimeter of the property.**
- **A three (3) metre wide firebreak with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be constructed and maintained immediately surrounding all outbuildings, sheds, haystacks and groups of buildings situated on the land.**
- **A three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.**

All land 5,000m² or less:

- **All flammable matter on the entire property (not including living trees, shrubs, plants and reticulated lawns under cultivation) shall be reduced and maintained to a height of less than five (5) centimetres.**
- **A three (3) metre wide driveway with a four (4) metre vertical clearance shall be installed and maintained.**

2. **Endorses the 2026 – 2027 Burning Periods for the Shire of Harvey:**

- **Restricted: 2 November 2026 – 14 December 2026 (midnight)**
- **Prohibited: 15 December 2026 to 14 March 2027 (midnight)**
- **Restricted: 15 March 2027 to 15 May 2027 (midnight)**

Motion LAPSED due not receiving a mover or seconder. 26/08

Comments:

Mr. Max Van Weert raised concerns regarding the environmental impacts and practicality associated with the removal of additional vegetation, and the potential community impacts resulting from increasing the required width from 2 metres to 3 metres.

Mr. Vaughn Byrd requested that the revised Firebreak Notice include an updated table, clearly identifying land size categories and their associated obligations, including clarification of the transition away from the previous zoning-based requirements.

Alternative Motion

Moved: Mr. Wayne Jackson Seconded: Mr. Max Van Weert

- 1. That the proposed amendments to the 2026 – 2027 Firebreak Notice and Bush Fire Information be endorsed following further review by the Manager Waste Safety Services and the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.**
- 2 Endorses the 2026 – 2027 Burning Periods for the Shire of Harvey: -**
 - **Restricted: 2 November 2026 – 14 December 2026 (midnight)**
 - **Prohibited: 15 December 2026 to 14 March 2027 (midnight)**
 - **Restricted: 15 March 2027 to 15 May 2027 (midnight).**

Carried 7- 0 26/09

6 Committee Member's Reports

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Mr. Wayne Jackson, tabled his report. (***Refer to Attachment 6.1.1***).

6.2 Shire Training Coordinator

The Training Coordinator, Mr. Wayne Jackson, tabled his report (***Refer to Attachment 6.1.2***).

6.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services Report is attached for your information (***Refer to Attachment No. 6.3.1***).

Mr. Nick Mellowship requested clarification regarding the preferred process for reporting potentially deliberately lit fires.

Mr. Ricky Southgate advised that deliberately lit fires should be reported through COMCEN and should not be classified as "suspicious", as this does not initiate the same investigation process.

It was further advised that information relating to deliberately lit fires should be provided to the District Officer Wellington or Regional Duty Coordinator.

Where evidence is present at the scene, attendance by WA Police should be requested through COMCEN.

6.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Mr. Darren Harvey tabled his report (***Refer to Attachment No. 6.4.1***).

Mr. Vaughn Byrd commended the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions for the provision of machinery and equipment when required during fire response operations.

6.5 Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)

The Community Emergency Services Manager's Report is attached for your information (***Refer to Attachment No. 6.5.1***).

Mr. Nick Mellowship spoke on the importance of accurately completing and documenting Incident Reports.

Mr. Wayne Jackson queried the current status of the Bushfire Operational Plans (BOPs). It was advised that Mr. Nick Mellowship has been preparing the BOPs, which are currently under review by the Manager Waste and Safety Services prior to progressing to Governance.

BFAC members requested that the BOPs be presented to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee for review prior to being presented to Council.

Cr. John Bromham requested clarification regarding the process for endorsement and implementation of the BOPs.

Mr. Vaughn Byrd raised concerns regarding the historical implementation of minimum training standards and queried whether implementation of the BOPs would involve greater consultation with brigades.

Mr. Vaughn Byrd also requested that the Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS) Budget be presented to the BFAC for comment.

6.6 Manager Waste and Community Safety

Nil.

Mr. Haydn Jones, Manager of Waste and Safety Services, is currently on Annual Leave.

6.7 Bush Fire Risk Mitigation Coordinator (BRMC)

The Bush Fire Risk Mitigation Coordinator's amended Report is attached to the Minutes. The amended Report includes the 2026/27 Treatment Program (***Refer to Attachment No. 6.7.1***).

Mr. Vaughn Byrd requested clarification regarding the process associated with the Capacity Assessment currently being undertaken by the Consultant. Ms. Kaitlin Southgate advised that the report would not be amended by the Shire.

Mr. Byrd queried whether funding was available through the Peel Harvey Biodiversity Group (PHBG). Ms. Kaitlin Southgate advised that funding associated with that group is generally directed toward environmental works.

Cr. John Bromham queried whether volunteers holding Fire Control Officer training qualifications could have greater involvement in controlled burns.

Mr. Ricky Southgate requested that brigades endorse a list of Burn Control Officers. Brigade representatives present agreed to this approach.

7 General Business

7.1 Suppression Activities - Volunteer Timeline

Mr. Vaughn Byrd raised concerns regarding the amount of time volunteers are remaining on the fireground following suppression activities, noting that once an area has been deemed safe, ongoing responsibility should revert to the landowner.

7.2 Welfare for Volunteers

Mr. Byrd also raised concerns regarding delays associated with arranging food through the Ranger call process during incidents and queried whether brigades could have direct contact access to Rangers for this purpose. Further discussion occurred regarding control over the distribution of food on the fireground.

7.3 Appreciation – Use of Yarloop Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Facility

Mr. Ricky Southgate thanked the Shire for making the Yarloop Brigade facility available for recent training activities.

7.4 Youth Ward Program

Cr. John Bromham raised the potential implementation of a youth award program within the brigades.

7.5 Fuel and Burn Notification Cards

Mr. Nick Mellowship reminded brigades to utilise their allocated volunteer fuel card allowances and advised that volunteers should liaise with their respective Captains regarding usage.

Mr. Nick Mellowship also advised that planned burn notification cards have been actioned for creation.

7.6 Name Badges for BFAC Members

Cr. John Bromham requested that name badges be provided for all BFAC members.

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee is to be held on Monday 17 August 2026 at the Harvey Hills/SES Complex Meeting Room, commencing at 7.30pm.

9 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared closed at 8:45pm



SHIRE OF
HARVEY



Bush Fire Advisory Committee Minutes Attachments

**Harvey Hills/SES Complex
Complex 18 May 2026
7.30pm.**

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments

18 May 2026

6. Officer's Reports

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Shire of Harvey
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
18th May 2026

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Report

Within the Shire in the past twelve months we had three major incidents. One at Cross Resource Management - Material Recovery Facility on Stanley Road Wellesley closely followed by a fire in the old pine plantation near Wellington Road also in Wellesley. The third incident was between Coalfields Highway and Livingston Heights in Roelands which put properties under threat. Each of these incidents were prolonged and required every brigade within the Shire to undertake rotating shifts which we all know can become difficult. It was a huge undertaking by everyone and I, along with the Shire staff, appreciate what you do. I especially want to thank Leschenault VBFB and Roelands Olive Hill VBFB for their diligence in carrying out patrols of the above incidents on a daily rotation for a period of up to four weeks.

Out of these three events, and many more smaller incidents, it has been enlightening to see senior members of brigades take on roles involved within the Incident Control structure. We have noted many brigade officers and members also stepping up at smaller incidents, becoming Incident Controllers and gaining confidence in doing the role. This has disappeared over the past years leaving the Shire without experienced members, but hopefully moving forward it will assist with succession planning of senior roles.

I need to thank Vaughn Byrd and Max Van Weert my DCBFCO's, our CESM Nick Mellowship, our Mitigation Coordinator Kaitlin Southgate and Shire Rangers for supporting me over the past twelve months. To Haydn Jones and Nicole Beauclarke, who work mostly in the background to keep us all in line, I thank you for what you do.

And of course, where would I be without the Fire Control Officers and Brigade Captains. The role we undertake is never taken for granted. We deal with many issues that come our way, some not very popular, but we move on and continue to strive to better ourselves as best we can. You do an important role and it has been a pleasure to be a part of this group.

Wayne Jackson
Shire of Harvey
CBFCO

Shire of Harvey
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
18th May 2026

Shire Training Coordinator Report

It has been enlightening to see new members joining our fire brigades over the past twelve months. It has been a big job trying to keep track of these new members and getting them trained, it certainly has had its challenges. However, with a bit of extra effort from our trainers we got most members trained before the fire season.

We are actively getting more trainers within the Shire with Colin Smith from Binningup BFB getting the required training completed to have his training reinstated for Bushfire Safety Awareness and Firefighting Skills along with Dean Mullins from Cookerup BFB becoming competent and gaining his Trainer Assessor accreditation also for Bushfire Safety Awareness and Firefighting Skills. Luke Wright from Roelands Olive Hill BFB has completed the Trainer Assessor course to become an instructor so we hope he can become accredited as soon as he is available. These new trainers will go a long way to assist the current trainer assessors. If you have members who you think would be interested in becoming a trainer assessor get them to speak to Nick Mellowship who can assist them with any questions.

I do need to thank Leticia Craig and Suzie Pearce from DFES. They along with the other staff who relieve them do a fantastic job and we are lucky to have them.

My role is only as good as the people around me. I want to thank Nick Mellowship for the help provided when courses are set up and Nicole Beauclarke for organising welfare for courses, sometimes at very short notice because I forget to let her know within a decent timeframe!!!

I want to mention a particular person who has been by my side for many years now, Paul Reynolds. Paul and myself have conducted training for most courses within the Shire over several years. Over the past two years we set ourselves the objective to train as many members as possible for Advanced FF, Crew Leader and Sector Commander because we could see there was a shortfall with upcoming officers due to the Shire Minimum Training Standard. It has been refreshing to see an increase in members wanting to undertake these courses rather than having to coerce them. Paul was the driving force in establishing the annual inter-brigade Shire exercise which has become very popular.

We have had a fantastic group of brigade training officers within all brigades and I want to thank them for their efforts over the past twelve months and welcome the new training officers that have been appointed for the upcoming year.

Wayne Jackson
Shire of Harvey
Training Coordinator

Harvey Shire BFAC Meeting, 18th May 2026

DBCA, Parks and Wildlife, Wellington District Report

Item No. 6
Attachment 6.1.4

1. Prescribed Burning Autumn 2023

Wellington District 4 Burns Commenced/ Continued/ Completed (approx. 10,145 ha).

WTN_012 Darrell (Completed) – 263 ha (Shire of Collie).

WTN_131 Ross (Continuing) – 6,458 ha (Shires of Harvey & Collie).

WTN_142 Leach (Completed) – 3,065 ha (Shires of Collie & Williams).

WTN_148 Fleays (Commenced) – 359 ha (Shire of Collie).

FPC yet to commence Pine Residue Heaps on DBCA estate (Bussell & Fleays Plantations).

2. Prescribed Burning Planned 2026-27

The District has completed initial planning for the 2026-27 season. Incomplete burns from Autumn have been reviewed and re-allocated.

3. Bushfires 2025-26 Season

120 bushfires recorded for the District (approximately 20 in Harvey Shire).

As always, thanks to the Brigades/ Shire for their well-managed fires that the Department has been involved with and for all the assistance/ first response with Departmental fires.

4. DBCA Wellington District Fire Staff/ Changes

District Fire Coordinator – Jewell Crossberg (0427 412 828).

Fire Operations Officer (L4) Harvey – Darren Harvey (0428 552 793).

Fire Operations Officer (L4) Collie – vacant.

A/Fire Operations Officer (L3) Collie – Jacoba Webb (0400 968 106).

End of Report.

Darren Harvey

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Prepared for: Harvey Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Date: 18 May 2026
Prepared by: Kaitlin Southgate
Position: Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator

1. MAFGP 2025–2026

- Total Treatments Applied For: 19 treatments totalling \$73,960.80, including:
 - Gates: 2 (1 complete)
 - Chemical Works: 4 (1 complete)
 - Firebreaks: 6 (4 Complete)
 - Mechanical Works: 2 (1 complete)
 - Planned Burns: 5 (Cookernup cemetery ½ complete, Australind pioneer cemetery ¼ complete, Weir Road 2/3 complete, Peterson Road 80% complete, Boundary Road Yarloop) - Thank you to those who made themselves available for the burns

2. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- Shire of Harvey Library Engagement: The Shire of Harvey Library officers successfully completed training delivered by the DFES Southwest Community Preparedness Advisor. The training equipped library staff with the knowledge and skills to promote and support the use of the Emergency WA App within the community, reinforcing it as the trusted source of information during emergency events. This initiative strengthens local capacity to support community preparedness and access to timely, authoritative emergency information.
- Continued Stakeholder Engagement: Engaging with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Forest Products Commission (FPC), Water Corporation and Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to coordinate fire management efforts.

3. Operational Budget and Risk Assessment

- Budget Input: treatments are currently ad hoc dealing with community concerns and reserve shortfalls.
 - Firebreaks: 13
 - Mechanical Works: 4

4. AWARE GRANT 25/26

- Shire of Harvey have been approved funding for the AWARE grant: to access funds in completing an Emergency Management Capability Assessment focusing on the current capabilities under the Bushfires Act 1954 and in consideration of increasing risk due to population growth and urban expansion. Brigade Leadership has been consulted for comment, and the report is being prepared due 23rd June 2026.

5. MAFGP 2026-2027 Application submitted

A copy of the Treatments applied for has been presented to the CEO, CBFCO, CESM, BRMO and DFES Superintendent.

Total Treatments Applied For: 21 treatments totalling \$186,077.60 including:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ○ Gates: 4 | ○ Planned Burns: 3 |
| ○ Fence: 1 | ○ Fire Service Access Route: 1 |
| ○ Chemical Works: 2 | |
| ○ Firebreaks: 7 | |
| ○ Mechanical Works: 3 | |

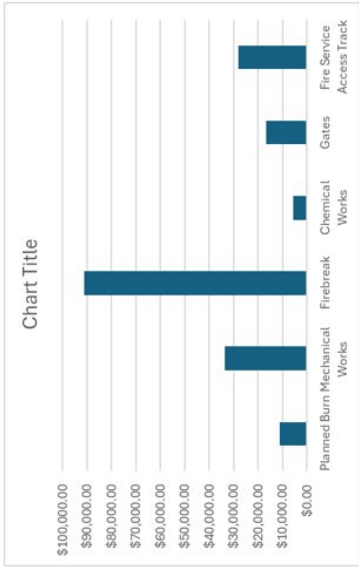
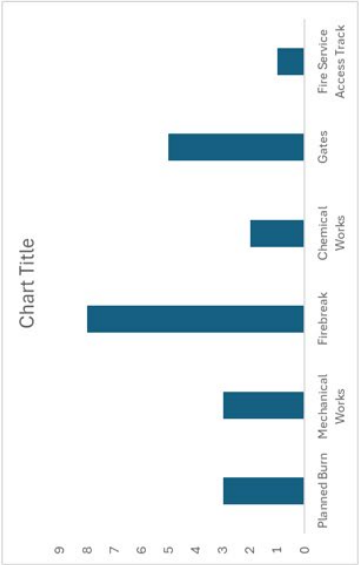
2026 - 2027

Mitigation Activity Fund Grants Program

MAFGP 2026 - 2027

Total Treatments: 21

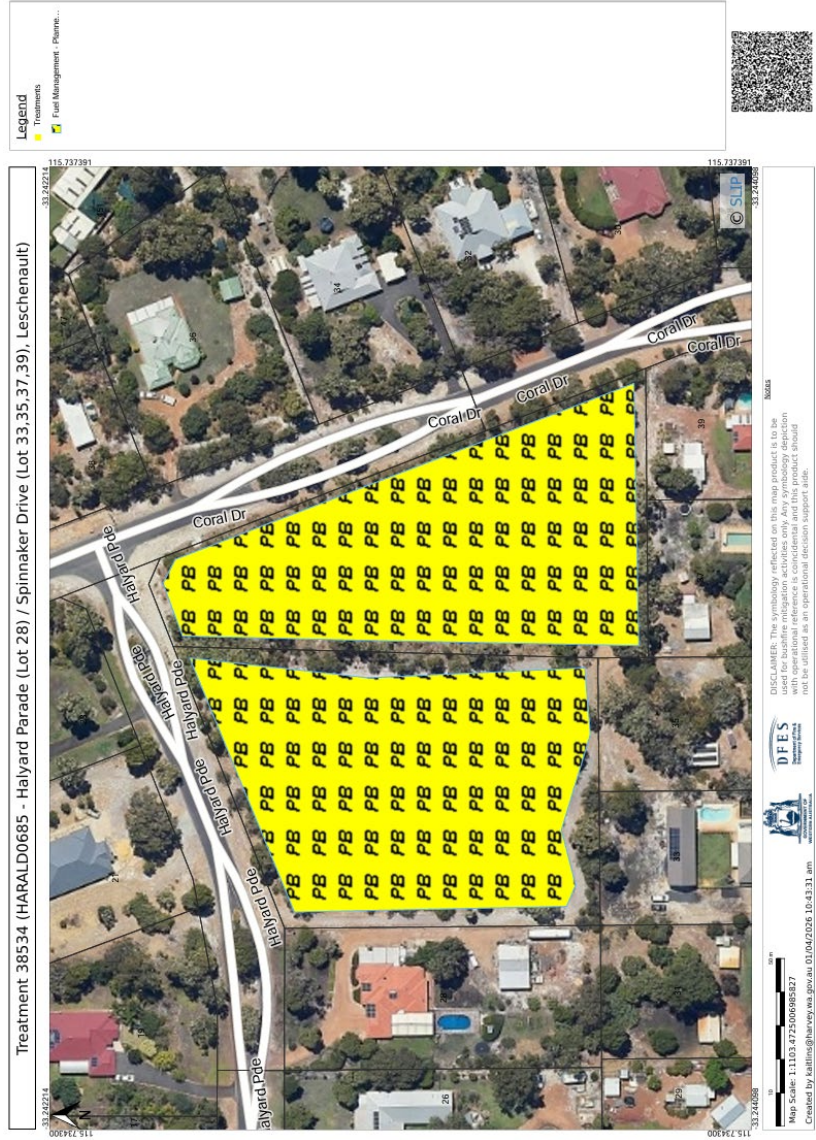
Total Amount:
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Planned Burns



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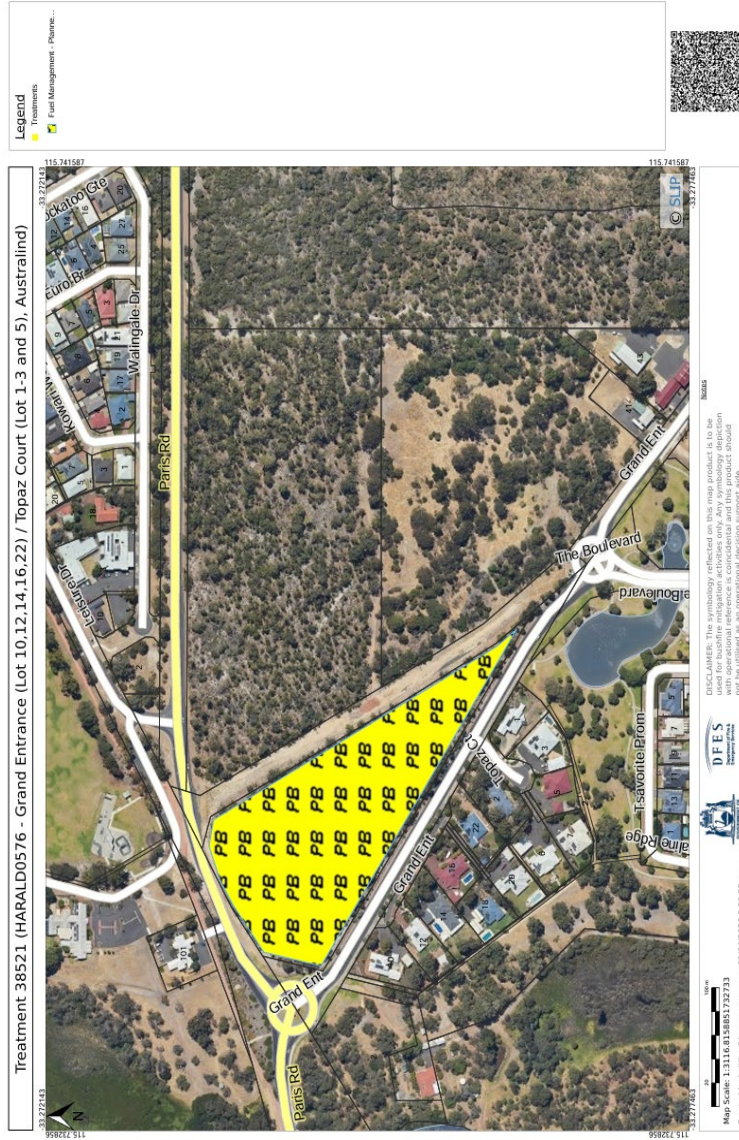


MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$1680	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by reducing vegetation fuel loads to less than 2t/ha across 80% of the treatment area, through the implementation of a planned burn prior to 2027.	Conduct two separate planned burn cells at different times within 12 months, ensure burn security through firebreaks. Prepare burn plan in consultation with BRMO and CBFCO

42031 Australind Road, Leschenault

Treatment 42031 (HARALD0085 - Crimp Crescent (Lot 15), Australind Road (Lot 56), Leschenault) 	Objectives To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by reducing vegetation fuel loads to less than 2t/ha across 80% of the treatment area, through the implementation of a planned burn prior to 2027.	Instructions Ensure burn is conducted strategically, utilise mosaic burning and raking around large trees. ensure flame height is minimal and no significant vegetation is damaged. Burn security to be established through mineral earth firebreaks/tracks. Prepare a burn plan in consultation with CBFCO and DFES.
MAF costing \$549.60		

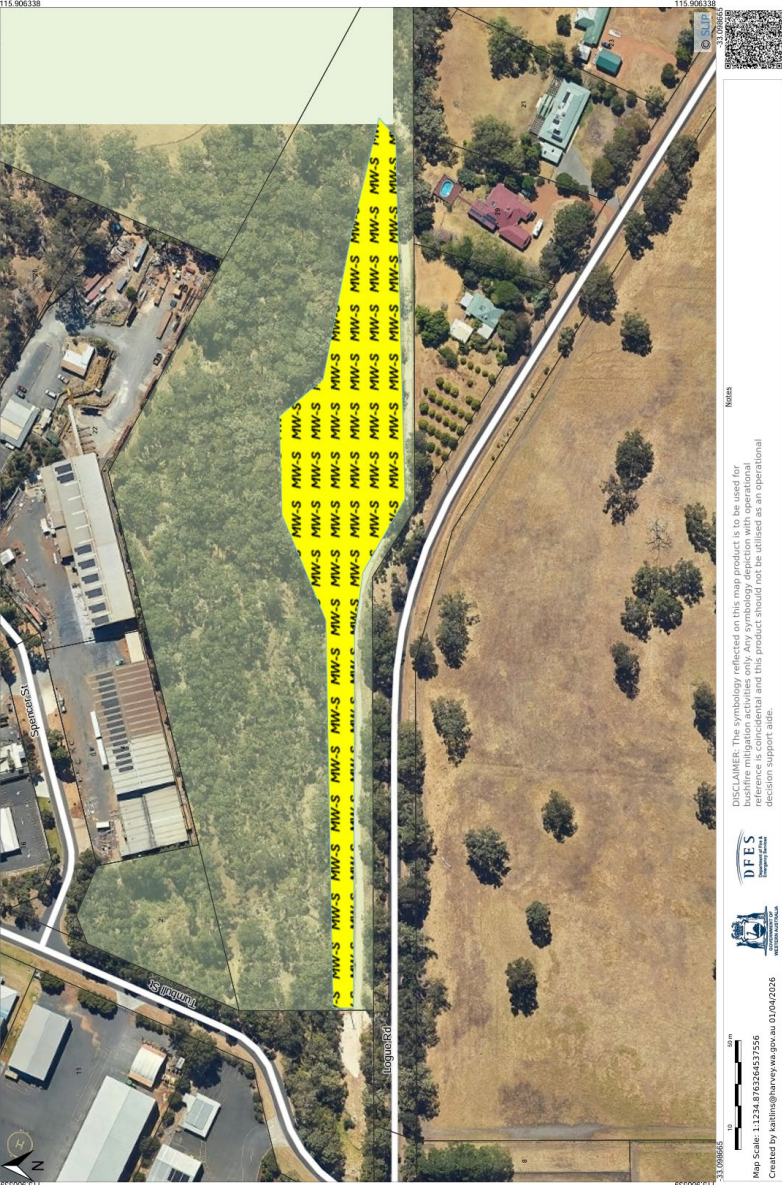
38521 Grand Entrance, Australind



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$8951	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by reducing vegetation fuel loads to less than 2t/ha across 80% of the treatment area, through the implementation of a planned burn prior to 2027.	Ensure burn is conducted strategically, utilise mosaic burning and raking around large trees. ensure flame height is minimal and no significant vegetation is damaged. Burn security to be established through mineral earth firebreaks/tracks. Prepare a burn plan in consultation with CBFCO and DFES. Traffic management plan will be required to conduct planned burn, due to operations within 6m of a public road.

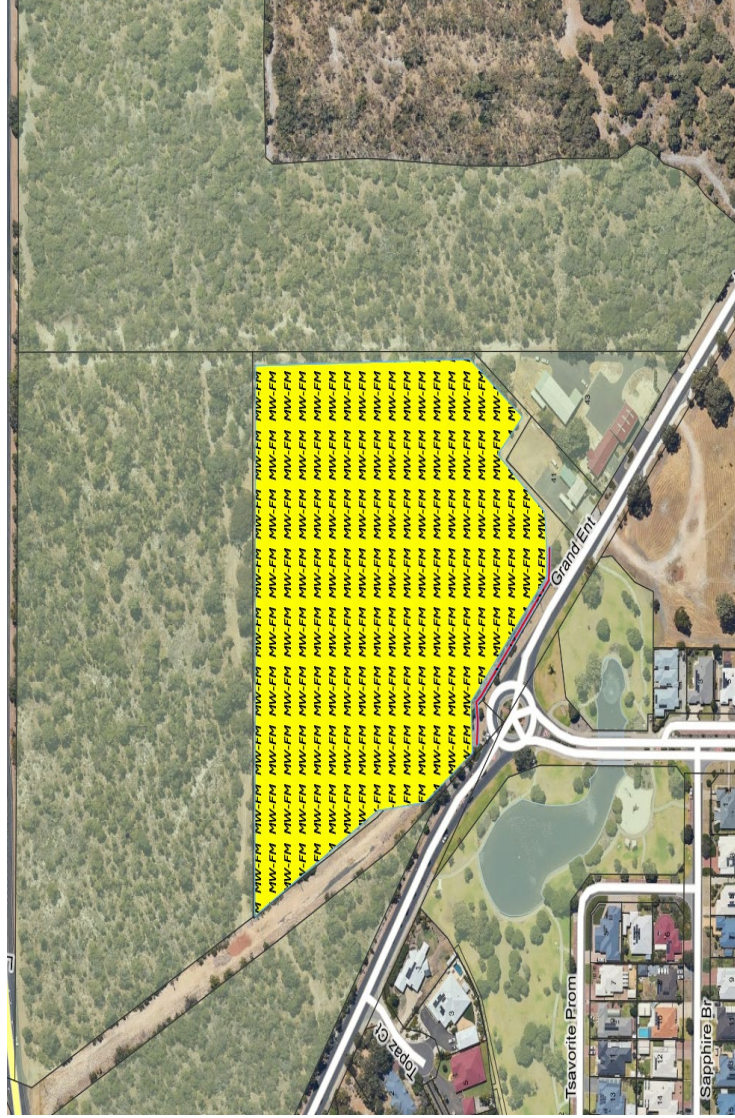
Mechanical Works



41261 Logue Road, Harvey		
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MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$1500	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by reducing vegetation fuel loads to less than 2t/ha across 90% of the treatment area, through the implementation of mechanical slashing prior to 2027.	Slashed grassland vegetation to be less than 50mm in height across the entire treatment area. ensure a safe distance is kept from creek bank, areas are subject to erosion and may be unsafe.

41263 Sittella Drive, Harvey		
MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions
\$1600	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by reducing vegetation fuel loads to less than 2t/ha across 90% of the treatment area, through the implementation of mechanical slashing prior to 2027.	Reduce grassland vegetation fire intensity by altering height through slashing, fast growing vegetation will require future slashing works to maintain low-threat area in front of Sittella Drive. Slashed grassland vegetation to be less than 50mm in height following treatment.

38564 Grand Entrance, Australind



MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions
\$30563	To protect life, property and the environment by reducing fuel hazards adjacent to residential areas by modifying the vegetation structure through mulching.	In consultation with Shire of Harvey Environmental Officer, parkland clear treatment area to reduce ground vegetation to <8t/ha through slashing/mulching and uplifting of trees. Using a combination of slashing and mulching of understorey vegetation while maintaining an overstorey canopy of larger trees. Mulching and slashing of woody weeds, shrubs and saplings less than 150mm, to less than 100mm in height, mulched vegetation pieces greater than 6mm in size. Do not damage established trees, ensure clean cuts for understorey pruning. understorey pruning 2m from the ground removing all ladder fuels. Avoid wetlands, waterways. Do not remove grass stress.

Firebreaks



41493 Salisbury Road, Cookernup



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$3,500.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Maintain overgrown firebreaks to 3m wide and 4m high specifications, aligning with the local government requirements, through slashing/mulching to ensure firebreak is trafficable for heavy fire appliances.

41765 Gladstone Street, Cookernup



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$4000.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Construct 3m wide 4m high mineral earth trafficable firebreak, connecting to gate at Gladstone, Riverdale Road and firebreaks to the south. Avoid creating windrows and damage to vegetation outside of the firebreak.

41343 Buckland Way, Australind



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$6000.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Create mineral earth trafficable firebreak 3m wide by 4m high to the Shire of Harvey standards, creating access behind lot 9 Buckland for fire appliances to complete suppression operations. Arborist - dismantle tree branches ensuring not to damage residential infrastructure

42112 Wellesley Road ,BRUNSWICK



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$4000	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks.	Establish traversable 3m wide 4m high mineral earth firebreak clear of all combustible material in accordance with the Shire of Harvey firebreak notice.

41677 Nunnagine Circle, Roelands		
		
MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$28,664	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Construct trafficable firebreak around the perimeter of the reserve 3m wide and 4m high in accordance with the Shire of Harvey firebreak notice. Supply and installation of one culvert in northwest corner to create all weather traversable firebreak within the boundary of the reserve.

41268 Honeymoon Road, Warawarrup			
			
MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions	
\$15,000	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Construct a traversable mineral earth firebreak, clear of all combustible material, to the specified 3m width and 4m height. Utilise existing track alignments where practicable to minimise ground disturbance. Remove, dismantle, and dispose of large fallen trees obstructing the firebreak alignment to achieve required clearance standards. Ensure final surface is stable and suitable for fire appliance access in all-weather conditions. Works must remain strictly within the marked and predetermined firebreak alignment. ESA-listed endangered orchids are present within the area; the Contractor must take all necessary care to avoid disturbance and prevent works outside the approved alignment. No additional clearing.	

41258 Ietto Way, Harvey			
			
MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions	
\$30070	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of mineral earth traversable 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks prior to June 2027.	Create traversable mineral earth 3m wide, 4m high firebreaks within 6m of the boundary, as per Shire of Harvey Firebreak Notice. clear of all combustible vegetation. Shire of Harvey to supply and install culverts and gravel at two locations traversable by 14 tonne fire appliances	

41344 Sadler Court, Australind

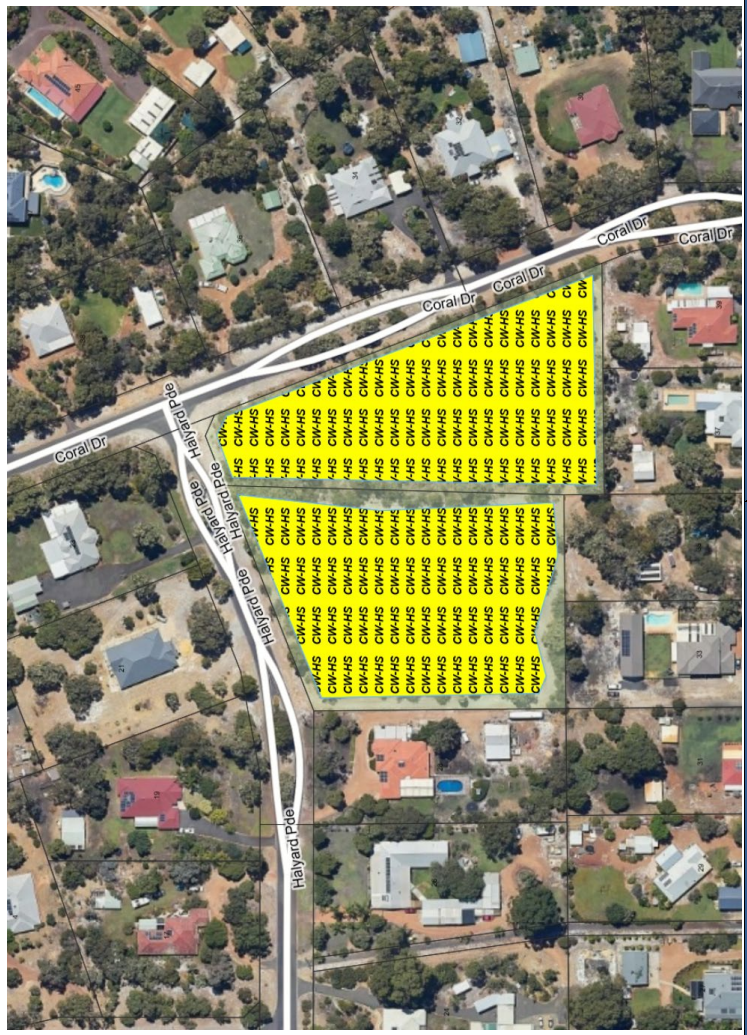


MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$28,000	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of an all-weather Fire Service Access Route prior to June 2027.	Established firebreaks in the area are currently not sufficient for fire vehicles suppression operations or LG vehicles for maintenance of reserve. Construction of an FSAR to allow access and provide a defendable space for adjacent residential houses. DBCA program outlines a similar FSAR within adjoining land east, Construction of the FSAR on Shire owned land contributes to concurrent construction of a FSAR network ensuring traversable access to all reserves. Construct limestone/gravel Fire Service Access Track - 292m in length - 3m wide trafficable surface - 4m vertical clearance - maximum grade 1:10 (10% or 6%) - excavation of topsoil where required 3m wide - 150mm thick gravel/limestone base - compact gravel/limestone – suitable 14 tonnes

Chemical Spraying



41497 Halyard Parade, Australind



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$4000	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by maintaining vegetation fuel loads to less than 8t/ha post planned burn, through the chemical management of vegetation fuel loads prior to 2027.	Conduct hand spraying to control weed/grass regrowth within treatment area post planned burn to maintain low fuel levels.

42032 Australind Road, Leschenault



MAF costing	Objectives	Instructions
\$1500	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by maintaining vegetation fuel loads to less than 8t/ha post planned burn, through the chemical management of vegetation fuel loads prior to 2027.	Chemically treat weeds and grass that revegetate post planned burn to maintain fuel loads to less than 8 t/ha

Gates



42113 Wellesley Road, Brunswick



MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions
\$1500.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of a gate.	Installation and supply of 1 rural gate, 2 strainer posts and associated fittings, with appropriate signage to replace broken gate and rotting wooden posts to establish access to reserve from Wellesley Road.

42033 Honeymoon Road, Warawarrup			
			
MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions	
\$3000.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of a gate.	Supply and install spider gate and associated fittings with appropriate signage, within existing fencing on Honeymoon Road easement providing traversable connection to reserve firebreaks for emergency vehicles and maintenance staff.	

41894 Bass Entrance, Leschenault			
		MAF \$	Instructions
		Objectives	Instructions
		To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of a gate prior to June 2027. Neighbour states google maps often confuses the easement as a through road directing public into the reserve.	Supply and install spider gate and associated fittings with appropriate signage, within existing fencing on Bass Entrance easement providing traversable connection to reserve firebreaks for emergency vehicles and maintenance staff.
		\$3000.00	

41494 Salisbury Road, Cookernup			
			
MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions	
\$3000.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement by creating access for fire appliances to conduct suppression operations and LG staff to complete maintenance, through the installation of a gate prior to June 2027.	Supply and install spider gate and associated fittings, with appropriate signage, within existing fencing providing traversable connection to reserve firebreaks for emergency vehicles and maintenance staff.	

41496 Grand Entrance, Australind



MAF \$	Objectives	Instructions
\$6000.00	To reduce the risk of bushfire impact on adjacent human settlement and environmentally sensitive reserves by restricting public access to reduce potential ignition sources, through the installation of a fence prior to June 2027.	Supply and install star picket and wire fencing, connecting to existing gate adjacent to St Johns Depot within Shire of Harvey managed reserve.

Prepared for: Harvey Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Item No 6
Attachment 6.6.1

Date: 17 August 2026

Prepared by: Haydn Jones

Position: Manager Waste & Safety Services – Shire of Harvey

Electronic Fire Danger Rating Signs

A contractor has been appointed, with installation scheduled to commence in early September at the following locations:

- Myalup townsite
- Old Coast Road, Leschenault
- South Western Highway, Yarloop

The remaining two signs will be installed at a later date at:

- Forrest Highway, Myalup
- Weir Road, Harvey

AWARE Grant 2025/26 – Emergency Management Capability Assessment

The Shire of Harvey has received funding through the 2025/26 AWARE Grant Program to undertake an Emergency Management Capability Assessment.

The assessment examines the Shire's current capabilities and responsibilities under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, having regard to the increasing risks associated with population growth and urban expansion.

The draft report is currently being reviewed and formatted by the Shire's Communications and Marketing team. It will then progress through the appropriate governance processes, including consideration by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and Council.

As the consultancy report is funded by the Shire, it must comply with the Shire's internal review and approval processes. The ELT will be the primary decision-making body regarding the report's accessibility and the implementation of its recommendations. It is anticipated that Bush Fire Advisory Committee members will play an important role in supporting and contributing to the delivery of the recommended actions.

2026/27 Firebreak Notice

The final review of the 2026/27 Firebreak Notice has been completed in consultation with the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

No significant changes have been made, other than updates to zoning references. The changes will be communicated through the Shire's website, social media channels and other appropriate communication methods.

Local Government Grants Scheme 2026/27

The Shire of Harvey has been approved for funding under the 2026/27 Bush Fire Brigades Local Government Grants Scheme.

Capital grant funding totals **\$708,580**, comprising:

- **\$545,900** for a 2.4 Broadacre fire appliance for Cookernup Bush Fire Brigade.
- **\$6,610** to repaint the interior of the Roelands/Olive Hills Bush Fire Brigade facility.
- **\$156,070** toward the Leschenault Bush Fire Brigade two-appliance-bay facility and amenities project, which is supported by a \$1.2 million, 10-year self-supporting loan.

The approved operational grant totals **\$277,720**, comprising \$260,000 for line items 1–8 and \$17,720 for plant and equipment. The approved equipment includes multifunction printers and associated service agreements, personal protective equipment racking, chairs and folding tables.

Total approved capital and operational grant funding for 2026/27 is **\$986,300**.

Prepared for: Harvey Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Date: 17 August 2026

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Position: Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator

1. MAFGP 2026–2027

- **Total Treatments Applied For:** 21 treatments totalling **\$186,077.60**, including:
 - **Gates:** 5
 - **Chemical Works:** 2
 - **Firebreaks:** 7
 - **Mechanical Works:** 3
 - **Planned Burns:** 3
 - **Fire Service Access Road:** 1
- **Total Treatments Allocated:** 20 treatments totalling **\$183,077.60**, including;
 - **Gates:** 4
 - **Chemical Works:** 2
 - **Firebreaks:** 7
 - **Mechanical Works:** 3
 - **Planned Burns:** 3
 - **Fire Service Access Road:** 1

2. Operational Budget and Risk Assessment

- **Budget Input 26-27 \$110,000:** 65 treatments are currently included within the maintenance program, excluding ad hoc treatments dealing with community concerns and reserve shortfalls.
 - Firebreaks: 33
 - Mechanical Works: 32

4. Brigade support

- I was invited to Leschenault Brigade training to talk to members about the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator role and Mitigation Activity Fund Program. If other brigades would like more information, please contact me. Members are encouraged to reach out with local areas of concern through their chain of command.